

PUBLIC NOTICE TO AMEND THE NEW SHOREHAM WATER DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

Tuesday • April 12, 2005 • 4:30 PM

Sewer Treatment Plant; One Spring Street; Block Island, RI

Before acting to amend the Rules, the Water Board will hear from all persons for or against.

Individuals requesting services for the hearing impaired must call 466-3200 forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting date.

Proposal to amend the Rules are to add the following sections:

A. DEFINITIONS

“gpd” stands for gallons per day.

B. APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

3. a. Available water allocation for the next year's new or increased use is determined annually in October at the joint Annual Allocation, Priorities and Capital Budget meeting.

No new or increased use may be made without application to the NS Water Board. Applications shall be made to the Water District Office on a form approved by the Board and shall include such plans, calculations and other information deemed necessary by the Board. Each application, if received with supporting information and a

processing fee (determined by the Board) shall be accepted and marked with the date and time received. No application shall be accepted unless complete with all supporting information and proof of fee payment. Completed application shall be reviewed, and the requested allocation either granted or denied, based upon available capacity as determined and its priority.

An application that would be equal to or greater than the available capacity for that year shall be denied. Where an application for water allocation amounts to twenty-five (25%) of the total available allocation in a particular year or 20,000 gallons per quarter (217.4 gpd), which ever is less, the Water Board and Town Council may require special conditions or cost sharing and Contributions In Aid of Construction from such applicant if it agrees to provide service. If the application involves a “public facility” under Section 19-154(1), such application shall be forwarded to the Town Council for review. Applications for allocation of 2,000 gpd or more shall be made by August 1 prior to the Annual Allocation meeting in order to be considered for the allocation for the next year.

No building permit shall be issued without payment of all water applications and permit fees.

3. b. Water allocation assigned to a specific Plat/Lot, shall remain with that Plat/Lot and cannot be transferred to another Plat/Lot.

3. c. All sprinkler applications for new service shall purchase 15,000 gallons (163 gpd) water allocation. The Water Company will

determine the amount of water used by sprinkler activation and will charge, at the prevailing rates, for excess use over the allocation purchased.

C. SERVICE CONNECTIONS

13. b. In the event that a well is permanently abandoned in the Water District, the property owner shall be responsible for disconnecting the well as set forth in Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Regulations, Section 9.02. The well shall be inspected and documented by the Town Building Official when the appropriate disconnection is completed.

D. PAYMENT FOR SERVICE

26. c. All new construction or renovation of commercial, residential, public, or private premises within the Water District must connect to the municipal water supply if the property abuts on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located, or in the future may be located a municipal supply line. The owner is required, at their expense, to connect to the municipal water supply in accordance with the provisions of this article provided that said municipal water is determined to be accessible and available by the Water Superintendent.

F. FIRE SERVICE

39. a. Any building/premise connecting to the public water supply for a sprinkler system as of April 12, 2005 is required to connect to the

public supply for all uses and must remove all piping and appurtenance to and from any well supplies within that structure.

D. GENERAL

42. a. No person shall break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment. Any persons violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under the appropriate criminal charge and is liable for all damages caused through his actions as aforesaid.

44. b. All connections to the municipal water supply are required to have a backflow prevention device on that connection. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in discontinued service to that location.

Attest: Janet Ziegler, Water District Clerk

Approved: April 5, 2005

Posted: April 6, 2005

For Hearing Date: April 12, 2005

Adopted:

Effective: